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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506



May 5, 1993

The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

We are enclosing for the consideration of Congress proposed legislation, the Arts, Humanities and Museums Amendments Act of 1993, which would provide appropriation authorities for the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services through fiscal year 1995.

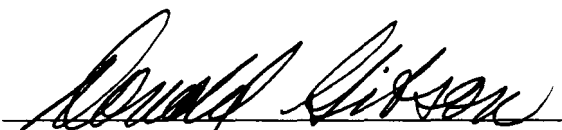
Present authorities for these agencies expire September 30, 1993. This basic reauthorization recommendation provides for a simple extension of appropriation authorities for the agencies for a two year period and provides for appropriation amounts consistent with the President's proposed budget for FY 1994 and such sums as may be necessary for FY 1995. The bill makes no substantive changes in the authorities of the agencies.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this proposed legislation and that its enactment would be in accord with the program of the President.

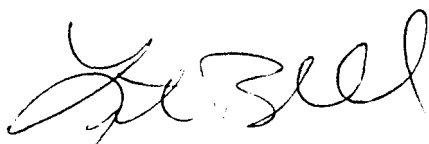
Sincerely,

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Ana M. Steele, Acting Senior Deputy Chairman  
National Endowment for the Arts

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Donald Gibson', written over a horizontal line.

Donald Gibson, Acting Chairman  
National Endowment for the Humanities

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Linda Bell', written over a horizontal line.

Linda Bell, Acting Director  
Institute of Museum Services

enclosures

**Statement by Senator Claiborne Pell on Introduction of  
the "Arts, Humanities and Museum Amendments of 1993"  
July 14, 1993**

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MR. PELL. Mr. President, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities, I am introducing legislation today that will provide for an extension of the authorization statute which governs the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum Services.

This proposal provides for a simple extension of existing law for these agencies for a two year period through fiscal year 1995. The funding levels authorized in this legislation are consistent with the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1994 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1995.

These three agencies were last reauthorized by the Arts, Humanities and Museums Amendments of 1990 which was enacted on November 5, 1990 for a three year period. Since this authority expires on September 30, it is important that we complete action on this simple extension in an expeditious manner.

This plan of action should in no way imply that changes in the legislation are not needed. To the contrary, many important issues concerning these agencies await to be debated. This discussion, however, will occur over the next two years as we lead up to the next reauthorization in 1995. I will welcome the input from all interested parties during this period.

This schedule is necessary because I believe the Clinton Administration should have as full a role as possible in the debate over the future course of these agencies.

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Since we do not yet have fully confirmed Chairmen for the Endowments nor a new Director for the Institute of Museum Services, it is prudent to delay any consideration of substance. These individuals and their staffs will be crucial partners in the eventual full- scale review of these programs.

I look forward to this process which, hopefully, will reaffirm our government's commitment to the support of our nation's culture and set that commitment on a renewed and positive course. In the meantime I ask my colleagues to join in supporting this simple two year extension of the existing authority for these agencies.